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Torrance, California
August 12, 1953

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Meeting, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, August 12, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Prosecutor Boris S. Woolley.

Councilman Drale led the salute to our Flag.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Notice of Hearing before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in the matter of Application No. 33913, of Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2, for an order authorizing increased rates for water service.

Councilman Drale moved a letter be written by the City Attorney protesting the increased rates. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by those present.

Letter from Truman Browne Organization giving the legal description of approximately 5 acres of unimproved property contiguous to Tract 17965 which the City contemplates purchasing.

Councilman Drale moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to proceed with the purchase of the 5 acres, if the necessary funds are available from the Unappropriated Reserve. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale suggested consideration be given to naming this park for some Torrance boy who lost his life in World War II or the Korean War. Chief of Police Stroh suggested it be named after the first Torrance boy who lost his life in World War II.

Communication from Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, Inc., American Legion, Department of California, advising they are no longer affiliated with the Torrance Veteran's Council.

Councilman Spelman moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Letter from Mrs. S. Snyder, 356 Paseo de la Playa, Hollywood Riviera, expressing appreciation for the Council's action in that area.

Councilman Spelman moved this letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Request of Ceramics By Mel, 4164 Pacific Coast Highway, Welteria, for refund in the amount of \$6.54, representing an overpayment in sales tax. City Clerk Bartlett recommended the refund be granted.

Councilman Spelman moved the refund be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Request of Miss Darlene Forrer for free use of the Civic Auditorium Monday, August 31, 1953, for a benefit in behalf of the American Cancer Society.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Request of William Leetz for two weeks leave of absence without pay, in addition to his earned vacation, starting September 1, 1953. This request was approved by Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of Maintenance and by the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from Robert W. Buchanan, 22719 Susana Avenue, Torrance, regarding the easement on his property, which is being used as a rain drainage.

Councilman Drale moved this communication be referred to the City Engineer for abatement. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from Mac-Low-Men Corporation amending their verified claim and demand against the City of Torrance.

Councilman Spelman moved this communication be referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from Harold Hensgen & Associates requesting relief for off-site sewer lines to serve Tract Nos. 19150, 19462 and 19463.

Councilman Drale moved this communication be referred to the next Agenda meeting and that steps be taken to set up a sewer fund whereby the City would receive the benefit of these sewers instead of the subdivider. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by those present.

Recommendation of A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of the Water Department, for main changes on Border Avenue between Mullin Avenue and Engracia Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$5,241.00.

Councilman Spelman moved the Water Superintendent be authorized to proceed with the water main changes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from the Communications Engineering Company requesting consideration in the maintenance and servicing of mobile units for Police and Fire Departments.

Councilman Benstead moved this be held over to the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from the California Highway Commission advising relocation of freeways on State Highway System - referring to a copy of resolution by the California Highway Commission adopting procedure on location or major relocation of freeways on the State Highway System.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record and that copies of the resolution be made for each of the City Councilmen. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by those present.

Letter of protest from Mr. and Mrs. James B. Barth requesting assistance in abating a nuisance created by the operation of the Carol-Dee Malt Shop located at 2121 West Carson Street.

Chief of Police Stroh advised the Council he agreed with Mr. and Mrs. Barth regarding this nuisance.

After a general discussion Councilman Drale moved this communication be referred to the City Attorney and Chief of Police for recommendation and that a letter be written to the School Board requesting their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from Gilbert Woodill, Assistant General Manager of Rome Cable Corporation stating he has been authorized to purchase City property, known generally as Alternate No. 2, for \$10,000 and requesting the easterly portion of this property be leveled to grade.

City Manager Stevens said the property would be leveled and requested authorization to start escrow proceedings for this property.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with City Manager Stevens' request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from the Regional Water Pollution Control Board No. 4 regarding proposed industrial waste survey and advising an organization meeting of the various representatives will be held on August 14, 1953, Room 504, 541 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Councilman Spelman moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to use his judgment in selecting the representatives of the City to attend this meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by those present.

Councilman Drale said he understood the American Rock Wool Company is again depositing water back into the street and still has an open pit. City Engineer Bishop said he had the assurance of the plant engineer that they are going to fill in this pit and level it within the next few months and that a clarifying chamber is about to go into construction so all of their industrial waste will go into the sewer.

After a general discussion Councilman Spelman requested City Manager Stevens to write the American Rock Wool Company and get a completion date on this construction and request them to erect a temporary fence around the open pit.

Letter from City Engineer Bishop recommending re-approval of Tract No. 17024 as this tract has changed hands since the first approval of the final map on May 26, 1953.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Bishop for the re-approval of Tract No. 17024. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by those present.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. The following personnel have successfully completed their Civil Service examinations and have been appointed to serve their probationary terms in the first salary step, effective August 1, 1953:

- (a) Augustine G. Solis Park Maintenance Man
- (b) Roy A. Roche Bus Operator
- (c) Leroy Parr Bus Attendant
- (d) William G. Schultz Bus Attendant

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of July, 1953, the sum of \$350.00.

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2. For the purchase of a class "A", 1,250 gallon pumping engine from the Mack Motor Truck Corporation, the sum of \$23,739 plus sales tax. Also to be included with the purchase a full complement of fire hose, consisting of 3,000 lineal feet of 2-1/2" and 1,000 lineal feet of 1-1/2", for the sum of \$6,110 plus tax.

The above fire engine conforms with the City's policy of standardizing on a single make of equipment for efficiency and economy. The Federal Government, through the Civil Defense Administration, will contribute \$5,775 towards the purchase of the fire engine.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items one and two, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance to establish the following regulatory signs, in accordance with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission:

1. Four-way STOPS: (a) 228th Street and Martha Avenue.
(b) 244th Street and Hawthorne Avenue.
2. One-Hour Parking on Cabrillo Avenue from Carson Street south to alley.
3. Center Parking on Cabrillo Avenue from alley south of Carson Street to 218th Street.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items one through three, under Traffic Control. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens recommended that Ronald W. Bishop be appointed City Engineer for the City of Torrance on a permanent basis.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from the Planning Commission recommending approval of 15' front yard setback on all lots in Tract No. 15569, Palisades Builders.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission provided the subdivider pay the sewer assessment in that particular area as set up by City Ordinance No. 605. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending the Building Code be amended to require that the minimum on concrete slab floor construction be raised from a minimum of 6" to a minimum of 12" above the adjacent finished lot grade.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and moved the City Attorney be instructed to amend the ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Transmittal from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 268, Variance for construction of three glass greenhouses at 2031 West 164th Street.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on Case No. 268. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2424

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED FROM THE SEPULVEDA BUILDING COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2424. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2425

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2425. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount arrived at 9:05 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 652

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING HOURS OF PARKING ON AVENIDA DE LAS FLORES, PASEO DE LA CONCHA, PASEO DE LA PLAYA AND VIA RIVIERA, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved the Ordinance be amended to read ten p.m. instead of eleven p.m. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 652, as amended, at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale moved that Chief of Police Stroh be authorized to attend the Chief of Police Convention to be held in Detroit, Michigan, September 13-17, 1953. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman requested that matters of this nature be thoroughly discussed at the next Agenda meeting.

City Manager Stevens requested approval of placing the following notation on Tract Map 16701:

"The signature of the Moneta Water Company as easement holder, and all other easement holders (dates, books and pages to be placed on recorded map in accordance with County Recorder's records) have been omitted under Section 11587(a) of the Subdivision Map Act since their interest cannot ripen into a fee and signatures are not required by the governing body."

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Councilman Blount moved Tract Map No. 16701 be so amended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale and Councilman Blount inquired if something could be done to obtain agreements with the Moneta Company. City Manager Stevens said this was now in the hands of the City Attorney.

Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited by paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:20 p.m. Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE